ARMY RDT&E BUDGET ITEM JUSTIFICATION (R-2 Exhibit)					February 2003			
BUDGET ACTIVITY 1 - Basic research	PE NUMBER AND TITLE 0601114A - Defense Experimental Program to Stimulate Competit PROJECT D54							
COST (In Thousands)	FY 2002 Actual	FY 2003 Estimate	FY 2004 Estimate	FY 2005 Estimate	FY 2006 Estimate	FY 2007 Estimate	FY 2008 Estimate	FY 2009 Estimate
D54 DEFENSE EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAM COMPETITIVE RESEARCH	0	0	9730	9614	9766	9951	9981	10185

A. Mission Description and Budget Item Justification: In FY03 and prior years, this effort was centrally funded by the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) in PE 0601114D8Z and funded the Defense Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (DEPSCoR). The Army has been designated by the Office of the Secretary of Defense as the lead service for planning and execution of this program. The DEPSCoR is a legislated program that helps build national infrastructure for research and education by funding research activities in science and engineering fields important to national defense. Participation in this program is limited to states that meet eligibility criteria as set forth in the authorizing language. The DEPSCoR is designed to expand research opportunities in states that have traditionally received the least funding in federal support for university research. The program is intended to improve the capabilities of institutions of higher education (IHE) to develop, plan and execute science and engineering research that is competitive under the peer-review system. IHEs in eligible states are invited, through their NSF State EPSCoR Committee, to compete for research/infrastructure awards in areas identified in broad agency announcements regularly published by the Army Research Laboratory (Army Research Office) on behalf of the Army, Navy (Office of Naval Research), and Air Force (Air Force Research Laboratory, and Air Force Office of Scientific Research). The cited work is consistent with the Army Science and Technology Master Plan, the Army Modernization Plan, and supports the Objective transition path of the Transformation Campaign Plan. There are no Defense Emergency Response Funds provided to this program or project.

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		FY 2002 0	FY 2003 0	FY 2004 9730	FY 2005 9614		
Totals		0	0	9730	9614		

B. Program Change Summary	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
Previous President's Budget	0	0	0	0
Current Budget (FY 2004/2005 PB)	0	0	9730	9614
Total Adjustments	0	0	9730	9614
Congressional program reductions				
Congressional rescissions				
Congressional increases				
Reprogrammings				
SBIR/STTR Transfer				
Adjustments to Budget Years			9730	9614

Significant Changes:

FY04 - PE devolved from OSD to Army as Lead Service for planning and executing this congressionally mandated program that seeks to expand research opportunities in states that have traditionally received the least Federal funding for university research.